

U.S. Response to the Tsunami Disaster in Indonesia,

as of January 18, 2005

The USG has provided \$33.5 million in direct humanitarian assistance to Indonesia in response to the earthquake and tsunami disaster, in addition to military assistance and support. (Note: President Bush has pledged \$350 million, of which Indonesia will be receiving a substantial portion)



With USG support, emergency humanitarian services began Sunday (December 26), immediately following the disaster:

- With US \$2.3 million support, Indonesian Red Cross began providing emergency services to victims, including shelter, water, food and medical services.
- With US \$3.5 million support, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) began transporting and delivering relief supplies (water, food, plastic sheeting, generators, fuel and medical supplies).

Excellent Embassy/USAID/US Military/TNI Cooperation

- USAID and Embassy personnel on the ground in Banda Aceh and in Medan are coordinating closely with the U.S. Military on logistics, especially to prioritize the delivery of relief items. TNI (Indonesian military) are assisting in loading all relief planes and are also accompanying U.S. helicopter sorties and trucks delivering relief supplies.
- On average (4) C-130 aircraft per day have airlifted support to Jakarta, Medan and Banda Aceh for transport of relief supplies, including shelter, water, food and medical services.
- 11 U.S. Navy ships and one U.S. Coast Guard vessel are in the region.
- 38 helicopters are delivering relief supplies in Indonesia (16 from USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN Carrier Group; 22 helicopters from the USS BONHOMME RICHARD Expeditionary Group; 4 more helicopters are on the way aboard the USS FORT MCHENRY). The USS BONHOMME RICHARD is off the coast of Indonesia and is ferrying supplies to shore via amphibious landing craft.
- U.S. Navy and Marine pilots have flown almost 600 humanitarian missions.
- Water-production facilities are being established in Indonesia in coordination with the Indonesian government.
- To date, the Combined Support Group - Indonesia has flown 1,056 sorties to deliver 1,447,700 lbs of food, 989,200 lbs of water and 1,067,800 lbs of medical supplies, and evacuate 420 Indonesian tsunami victims. CSG-I has delivered more than 3 million pounds of material to tsunami survivors.
- To support reconnaissance and humanitarian relief planning efforts, the US military has flown the P-3 aircraft, which has provided real time imaging, and damage assessment of Aceh's hardest hit areas.
- Approximately 8000 Marines and Sailors are assisting the Government of Indonesia in this tsunami relief effort.
- The majority of U.S. service members are "afloat". Approximately 200 personnel on the ground in Indonesia. The numbers are kept small out of respect for local sensitivities and to maximize the space available in our aircraft for relief supplies.

- The U.S. military will stay only as long as the Government of Indonesia requests assistance.

Food, Water, Shelter and Health Care:

- With USAID support, 220 IOM trucks are distributing relief supplies in/around Banda Aceh and Meulaboh.
- With USAID support, CARE, is working directly with 30 centers at Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps to prevent needless deaths-especially for mothers and children. They have trained 40 volunteers on basic primary health care and education, and information regarding safe water systems (SWS) and the importance of SWS for prevention of disease and staying healthy. USAID/CARE has provided hygiene improvement kits to approximately 30,000 IDPs. Both SWS and hygiene kits are begin distributed in 96 IDP camps in Banda Aceh, Aceh Besar, and Aceh Jaya.
- 70,080 bottles of Safe Water System (SWS), a home water chlorination kit pioneered by the US Centers for Disease Control (USCDC), have been provided by USAID. One capful purifies 20 liters of water.
- 16,400 metric tons of food has been provided by the USG and is being delivered daily to victims.
- 40,000 liters of UHT milk packed in school packs for children has been airlifted from Jakarta.
- The USS Abraham Lincoln is supplying thousands of families with potable water.
- Two USAID-chartered planes have delivered thousands of water containers, jerry cans, and other relief supplies to Medan, including plastic sheeting to shelter over 5,000 families.
- USAID partners are providing hundreds of generators, refrigerators for medicines, communications equipment and basic emergency and shelter kits for families, temporary water and sanitation facilities, trauma counseling, clean up and access to other basic services.
- USAID approved nearly \$300,000 to International Medical Corps (IMC) for a team of 25 to 30 medical personnel and logistics coordinators to provide emergency services in Aceh.
- USAID provided \$250,000 to the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) to establish a sentinel health surveillance system for tsunami-affected areas of Aceh and Northern Sumatra provinces.
- USAID provided \$579,000 for the Naval Medical Research Unit to establish a "WHO Reference diagnostic laboratory" in BA. This facility will be temporarily staffed with qualified lab technicians able to test and diagnose diseases posing the greatest risks: cholera, malaria, dengue, Hep A &E and others. Ideally, the GOI will take over operations of lab in one year.
- USAID provided \$1.5 million to UNICEF for child protection and psycho-social activities in Aceh Province.
- USAID provided \$5 million to Development Alternatives, Inc. for immediate rehabilitation interventions, such as focused cash-for-work clean-up programs, short-term employment schemes, and community-based, small social infrastructure activities.
- USAID awarded four grants, using the \$2 million in emergency funds immediately after the tsunami: \$249,985 to World Vision for shelter and household kits, \$285,428 to International Relief and Development (IRD) for water and sanitation; \$254,023 to Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics (JHPIEGO) for maternal and child health activities, and \$292,060 to Mercy Corps for emergency response activities.
- As part of the contribution to UNHCR's regional appeal, USAID designated \$2 million for emergency shelter programs in Indonesia.
- USAID provided \$2 million to IMC for mobile health units, rehabilitation of local health clinics, malaria control, and psychosocial support in Aceh and North Sumatra provinces.

Outpouring of U.S Private Sector support:

- American corporations have been equally quick to assist, especially those that are based in the region. According to the American Chamber, "American companies and their employees with offices in Indonesia, have so far contributed in excess of \$97 million in cash, products and services toward earthquake/tsunami relief and reconstruction."